













Rincon Mountain District (East) Interpretive Program Schedule April 9th – April 15th, 2007



Monday, April 9	Time and Location	Program Description
Weather Watch, NPS <i>30 minute Garden Talk</i> 	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a ranger to learn how weather affects our national parks.
Desert Adaptations <i>30 minute Garden Walk</i> 	11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.
Sunset Walk <i>2 hour, 1 mile Guided Walk</i>	5:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Take a walk with a park naturalist along the Tanque Verde Ridge Trail to view tonight's sunset. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather.
Tuesday, April 10	Time and Location	Program Description
Desert Morning Hike <i>3 hour, 4 mile Guided Hike</i>	9:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.
Desert Bird Walk <i>2 hour, 1 mile Guided Walk</i>	8:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Bring your binoculars and favorite fieldguide as we search for birds in the Sonoran Desert.
Desert Adaptations <i>30 minute Garden Walk</i> 	11:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.
Wednesday, April 11	Time and Location	Program Description
Desert Morning Hike <i>3 hour, 4 mile Guided Hike</i>	9:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear

		comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.
Desert Discovery <i>2 hour, 2 mile Guided Hike</i>	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Take a walk in the Cactus Forest to discover some of the plants and animals that make the Sonoran Desert home.
Thursday, April 12	Time and Location	Program Description
Desert Discovery <i>2 hour, 2 mile Guided Hike</i>	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Take a hike in the cactus forest for an introduction to the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert.
Digging Into the Past <i>30 minute Patio Talk</i> 	11:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park naturalist as he digs into the archeology of Saguaro national Park.
Desert Adaptations <i>30 minute Garden Walk</i> 	2:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.
The Sonoran Desert – The Past 10,000 Years <i>45 minute Presentation</i> 	7:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Out of the freezer and into the broiler - what happened to the animals that lived here during the last Ice Age and why do we have a desert here today? Join a park naturalist in the visitor center auditorium for a trip back in time in search of answers.
Friday, April 13	Time and Location	Program Description
Desert Discovery <i>2 hour, 2 mile Guided Hike</i>	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Take a hike in the cactus forest for an introduction to the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert.
Strange Plants <i>30 minute Garden Walk</i> 	2:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join a park ranger for a quick stroll in the cactus garden and learn how the desert plants thrive.
Saturday, April 14	Time and Location	Program Description
Fiesta de Saguaro <i>Cultural Fair</i> 	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Take the free shuttle from the Sahuaro Baptist Church, located at 10361 S. Old Spanish Trail to the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center	This event celebrates the Hispanic heritage and culture of the area. Activities will include guest speakers, special exhibits, children's activities and musical and dance performances. Traditional Mexican food will be available for purchase.
Sunday, April 15	Time and Location	Program Description

To Conserve the Scenery... <i>2 hour, 1 mile Guided Hike</i>	10:00 a.m.\ Meet at the visitor center	National Parks are set aside for the enjoyment of current and future generations. However, our parks and the resource in them are being threatened by outside forces. Join a park ranger for a one-mile walk and discover what's being done to "Save the Scenery".
Strange Plants <i>30 minute Garden Walk</i> 	2:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join a park ranger for a quick stroll in the cactus garden and learn how the desert plants thrive.
Ranger's Choice <i>45 minute Slide Program</i> 	3:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park ranger for a program on a topic of his or her choice. Come learn something new and interesting about this park!

*Schedule subject to change, please call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates
Visitor Center Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily (Mountain Standard Time)*

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